

EIGHT GIRLS IN RODEO QUEEN CONTEST



SEEKING THE Title of Queen of the 1976 Springville-Sierra rodeo are, from left: Danise Mahnke, Tammy Lusby, Debbie Knight, Tina Dilday, Mary Merkel, Sandy Sellers, Cindy Patton and Carylton Slover. Six communities are represented by the contestants; queen and two attendants will be announced April 17 at a Coronation ball in the Springville Veterans building; the professional Springville-Sierra rodeo is set for April 24-25. (Farm Tribune photo)

PHILHARMONIC IN CONCERT SATURDAY

PORTERVILLE — The 82-piece Fresno Philharmonic orchestra, directed by Guy Taylor, will appear in concert Saturday, February 14 at 8 p.m. in the Porterville Memorial auditorium.

Under the sponsorship of Porterville College, the orchestra will make its fourth annual visit to Porterville. The performance also marks the 21st season for the Philharmonic.

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Market Outlook For Citrus Is Meeting Subject

EXETER — Outlook for citrus fruits in domestic and export markets in the current year will be discussed at a luncheon meeting of the Citrus Men's Club of central California slated for 12 noon, February 20, at the Exeter Memorial building.

J.G. Henderson, assistant vice president for fresh fruit sales, Sunkist Growers, Inc., will be the guest speaker. All persons interested in the citrus industry are invited. No reservations are required.

Henderson who joined

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EDWARD FLORY ELECTED PRESIDENT VETERANS HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

PORTERVILLE — Edward S. Flory was elected president of the Veterans Homecoming committee at February meeting, moving up from vice president to succeed Orville Lofton.

Henry Acosta was named vice president; Dovie Allen was elected treasurer to succeed Bob Reyes; Hughe C. Williams will continue as general secretary.

The other eight directors are: Ed Matway, Dan Hetherington and Merle Robinson, American Legion; Lofton, Reyes, Festus Allen, and Harold McBride, VFW; and Jeanine Hetherington, Legion Auxiliary.

SIX COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED; CORONATION BALL IS APRIL 17

SPRINGVILLE — Eight girls from six communities are competing for queen of the 1976 Springville-Sierra rodeo scheduled for April 24 and 25, with queen and two attendants to be announced the evening of April 17 during a Coronation ball in the Springville Veterans building.

Seeking the royal titles are: Cindy Patton, 16, of Springville, daughter of Jeanette and Robert Cizek, and a student at Porterville high school.

Danise Mahnke, 16, daughter of Dan and Deloris Mahnke and a student at Porterville high; Tina Dilday, 16, daughter of Ronnie and Darlene Dilday, also a student at Porterville high; and Mary Merkel, 17, daughter of Emma Orton, and a student at Monache high. All reside in Porterville.

Carylton Slover, 18, of Visalia, daughter of Bonnie and Fred Slover, and a student at College of the Sequoias.

Sandy Sellers, 18, of Bakersfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Sellers and a student at Bakersfield college.

Tammy Lusby, 17, of Hanford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Lusby, and a student at Hanford Joint Union High school.

Debbie Knight, 19, of Woodlake, daughter of Barbara Knight and a student at College of the Sequoias.

Judging will be based on horsemanship, 50%; personality and appearance, 30%; and sale of special tickets, 20%.

In charge of the contest is Mrs. Mary Baker, assisted by Cindy Peterson, Darnell Trueblood, and Pat Grant, all of Porterville.

Agricultural Leaders On Program For Symposium In Visalia Feb. 28

VISALIA — Ron Paarlberg, director of agricultural economics in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; Tim Wallace, director of the California Department of Food and Agriculture; and Senator Howard Way will participate in an Agricultural Issues and Outlook Symposium, February 28 in the Visalia Convention

Center.

The program will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required and are \$20 which includes a steak luncheon. Reservations can be made through the Boy Scout Service Center, 221 North Encina, Visalia; the Farm and Home Advisors Office, Agricultural Building, Woodland and West Main Streets, Visalia;

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4-H STAFF MEMBER ADDED IN TULARE CO.

VISALIA — Georgene Werstler, a recent graduate of Purdue University, has joined the Tulare County Cooperative Extension staff as a 4-H Youth Advisor, to work with Weston Goss, now on the 4-H staff. Among her assignments, she will assist volunteer leaders in the home economics field and will be an advisor to the county-wide Hi 4-H club.

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COUNTY CATTLEMEN WILL HEAR NOTED SPEAKERS SATURDAY NIGHT

PORTERVILLE — Two noted speakers, Senator Howard Way and Dave Stroud, will address a dinner meeting of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association Saturday, 7 p.m., at Gang Sue's in Porterville.

Way will discuss his Senate Bill 620 dealing with land use planning which has passed the Senate but which is getting strong opposition in the Assembly.

Stroud, of Chicago, who is president of the National Livestock and Meat board, will review promotional and educational programs currently being implemented to develop sale of red meat.

All interested persons, whether or not they belong to the Cattlemen's association, are invited to attend the Saturday

night meeting, according to Glen Fink, association president, who will preside at the meeting. He says that invitations have been sent to agricultural groups in the county and to other Cattlemen associations outside the county. Reservations can be made by calling Visalia 734-5050.

ONE MORE DAY

Today is the last day of the ninth annual California Farm Equipment show on the Tulare County Fairgrounds in Tulare, where some \$16,000,000 worth of farm equipment is being exhibited by 500 firms from the United States, plus eight foreign countries. There is no admission charge; the show will remain open until 5 p.m.

Gordon Duffy Will Speak Tonight At Law Officers' Awards Dinner

PORTERVILLE — Assemblyman Gordon Duffy will be the principal speaker tonight at annual Law Officers Awards banquet, 7:30 p.m., in the Porterville Elks Lodge dining room, as highlight of the Porterville Exchange club's Crime Prevention Week program.

Duffy will discuss recent legislation involving crime and law enforcement agencies, also legislation that is "in the hopper" in Sacramento.

Awards for meritorious

service will be presented to officers from the Porterville city police department; the Porterville Sheriff substation; and the Porterville office of the California Highway patrol. Music will be provided by the Bartlett Junior High Bopcat band.

Some tickets for the prime rib dinner, at \$7.00, may still be available at Letsinger Realty, Topper Jewelers, Smith Flowers, Jensen Stationery, and Maples Sports shop.

GAIL BENDOSKI FROM PORTERVILLE IS NEW CALIFORNIA JUNIOR MISS

SANTA ROSA — Gail Marie Bendoski, 17, of Porterville, was selected as the new California Junior Miss in competition at Santa Rosa Saturday, winning out over 76 contestants from throughout the state.

The daughter of Don and Darlene Bendoski, she was sponsored by Porterville Jaycees in the Junior Miss Program that is a project of the National Jaycee organization. She will compete on May 11, in Mobile, Alabama, for the American Junior Miss title.

Miss Bendoski is a senior at Monache high school where she is student body president. She is on the school's honor roll; she participates in swimming, tennis, diving and gymnastics and is an awards winner in the President's Physical Fitness program.

She is also a member of the

Monache Marauder band and the Monache choir; was a representative on the American Legion Auxiliary Girls' State program; and has been active in a number of local community activities.

Judging in the state contest

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GAIL MARIE BENDOSKI

MEDICINE SHOW TO WHISKEY FLAT

PORTERVILLE — Doc Small's Medicine show will come out of winter quarters, or wherever it has been, and head for the Kernville mine fields on Saturday to participate in annual Whiskey Flat Days celebration, with members of the celebrated cast dispensing Magic Jackass Elixir, beguiling one and all with talented performances during the parade that starts at high noon, and generally calling attention to the Springville-Sierra rodeo that is scheduled for April 24-25.



ANNUAL SWEETHEART dance, February 20 in the Monache Campus center, will highlight National Future Farmer week, with class representatives bidding for the title of Monache FFA Sweetheart, from left: Robin Williams, freshman; Debbie Todd, junior; Teresa Alexander, senior; and Anne Burgess, sophomore. During the week starting Tuesday, February 17 at lunch time, the chapter will hold a greased pig contest for girls only; on Wednesday a combined team of boys and girls will compete in a log sawing contest; on Thursday boys will compete in a hay-bucking contest; on Friday calf-catching competition is slated both boys and girls. That night February 20, the Sweetheart Dance will get under way at 9:30 o'clock. (Hammond Studio photo)

PRAIRIE CENTER WILL WORK FOR HEART FUND

PRAIRIE CENTER — Prairie Center 4-H members will be community Heart Fund volunteers during this month, visiting rural areas of Porterville, Strathmore, and Plainview to distribute heart saving information and to collect funds to support research, educational and community service programs of the local four county Heart associations.

Heart disease is the number one killer in the nation, which underscores the need for public support of the Heart Fund drive.

Prairie Center 4-H Club leaders urge local residents to watch for the 4-H Heart Fund volunteers and give generously when they call. They will be calling in your rural areas during the remainder of this month.

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SOME RENTERS ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT ON TAXES

SACRAMENTO — Qualified renters may claim a renter's credit on their 1975 State Income tax, according to the State Board of Equalization.

The board said that renter's credit ranges from \$25 to \$45, depending on the individual's adjusted gross income. The credit is refundable. If the renter has no liability for State Income tax, he may claim and receive a refund in the amount of the credit.

The board said, "Many people don't know that they qualify for the refund, and therefore fail to file for it. For example, persons living in mobile homes which are situated on rented land are entitled to the renter's refund, but are often unaware of it."

The board explained that the 1975 California Income tax return form contains provision for deducting the renter's credit. The board added that persons who missed filing for the 1974 renter's credit may still do so by filing an amended 1974 State Income Tax return.

Detailed information about the renter's credit may be found on page 3 of the State Individual Income Tax 540 booklet.

SEQUOIA SINGERS, STUDIO BAND IN VISALIA CONCERT

VISALIA — Sequoia Singers of Tulare County will present a Pops Concert on Wednesday, February 18 at 8 p.m. in the L.J. Williams theater in Visalia, with the semi-professional group including songs from two hit movies, "The Morning After," from The Poseidon Adventure and "Be," from Jonathon Livingston Seagull.

Providing additional entertainment and performing along with the Singers on selected numbers will be the award winning Porterville High School Studio Band under the direction of Buck Shaffer.

Donations for the variety performance will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. Tickets may be obtained from Sequoia Singers members or at the door the night of the concert.

In May, the 32 voice ensemble will present an Americana Concert in honor of the nation's Bicentennial celebration. All works performed at this concert will be by American composers. This music will also be the featured attraction for a possible national tour being planned next summer by the Visalia based group.

Musical Director Ivan Hershey recently announced plans for the four week tour that would begin July 18, 1976 and end on August 15, including stops in Washington, New York, St. Louis and Philadelphia, the birth place of American independence and the nation's Bicentennial city.

Highlight of the tour is expected to be a performance at the Capital steps in Washington D.C.

RONALD B. ROBIE IS IRRIGATION INSTITUTE SPEAKER

FRESNO — The fourteenth annual meeting of the California Irrigation Institute will be held at the Fresno Hilton, Fresno, on February 18 and 19, with the two day event featuring speakers who will discuss some of the methods of irrigation.

The program is designed to be of interest to all affected by the problems of irrigated agriculture, from the grower to the consumer. Ronald B. Robie, director of the Department of Water Resources, will be the Wednesday luncheon speaker.

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FEATURE FEBRUARY MEETING OF PLANO 4-H

PLANO — A judging event high-lighted Plano 4-H club's February meeting, held in Vandalia school's multi-purpose room. Under the direction of Mrs. Arthur Buckley, members were taught how to use judging books and told what to look for in judging various entries.

Categories being judged were: Leathercraft, photography, citrus, food preservation, and foods and nutrition (place settings). First place winner was Anna Poteet, with Steven Knapp, second.

Mrs. Sylvia Corkins announced February dates for the Flag Corps members. They will perform for the Baptist Church's Sweetheart Banquet February 14. On February 17 they will go to the Zion Lutheran School in Terra Bella; and they will be a part of the PTA Founder's Day program February 19.

Mrs. Corkins also asked everyone taking a lamb project to see her, as it is time to get lambs for the fairs.

Rodney Homer discussed the July trip to Philadelphia, and passed out itineraries to people who had been unable to attend the general meeting on January 30.

Homer told members of the Flag Corps that they could use their participation in the flag group as either a public speaking project or a Bicentennial project in their 4-H books. He offered to help any member with their demonstration.

Nancy Knapp, community leader, expressed her appreciation to the people who served as judges for Plano's demonstration day: Sylvia Corkins, Jeff Scheer, Marietta Homer, John Corkins, Katherine Homer, Becky Guerrero, Rodney Homer and Mildred Traylor. Entries for County Demonstration day are due February 13. It will be held at Monache High School February 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Knapp said that members attending the Tulare County Farm Equipment show February 10-12 should record it in their books as an "Event Attended." She also announced that clothing project members will be participating in the Dress Review, March 20, with entries due March 1.

The meeting was conducted by President Tim Buckley. Donald Land and John Buckley led the salute to the flag. The 4-H pledge was led by Sheri

Golden and Mary Bowker. After songs, Pam Bowker called the roll. Steve Knapp gave the treasurer's report and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Jay Faure reported that he, Steve Knapp, Harold Kempfer, and Walter Doyel worked cleaning up the fairgrounds on January 10.

Jamie Wilson reported on Plano's Demonstration day.

Katherine Homer reported that the Hi 4-H was having a Skating Party in Visalia February 17 to introduce eighth graders into Hi 4-H. She said all Hi 4-H members would be bringing pies for the Farm Equipment show. She asked all members interested in collecting for the Heart Fund to sign up after the meeting.

Project reports were given Glenda Carmen, Jay Faure, Jeff Faure, Marta Knapp, Steven Knapp, Abel Longoria, Ernie Longoria, Rolando Longoria, Teri Luther, Lisa May and Lori May.

The meeting was followed by a valentine party. Refreshment chairmen were Mark Michaelis and Randy Edwards. Their committee included Gaylene Peters, Roy Honeyman, Donald Land and David Land.

Moratorium Extended On Lion Hunting

SACRAMENTO — The Department of Fish and Game recommended to the State Legislature this week that the moratorium on sport hunting of mountain lions be extended for another year while the DFG finalizes a management plan for the cougar.

Also recommended in the department's report on its four-and-a-half-year study of the lion in California are retention of Fish and Game Code sections permitting the killing of depredating lions under a permit system and the pursuit of lions without taking or injuring them.

The legislature established the moratorium in 1971 and directed the DFG to study lion populations to "ascertain the quantity of mountain lions in the state and to determine the best methods of providing sound management of this resource."

The initial phase of the study consisted of field investigations and interviews with lion hunters, houndsmen, ranchers and others with specialized knowledge, together with gathering data on lion numbers, population trends, hunter success figures, information on hunter methods and natural history.

Field work included the capture, tagging, collaring and release of several lions.

After the statewide survey was completed three years ago, the DFG tentatively estimated the state's cougar population at approximately 2,400 animals.

A second phase of the study was conducted over 175 square miles of coast range in Monterey County to determine as precisely as possible the total mountain lion population and the animal's range requirements.

This was accomplished by capturing and fitting a total of 14 lions with radio transmitter collars that could be monitored so that the animals' movements could be followed.

On the basis of its study, the DFG states it is "apparent that the status of the mountain lion is good and that they are not threatened with extinction."

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County Growers Reelected To Sunkist Board

SHERMAN OAKS — John V. Newman, of Ventura, has begun his fifth one-year term as chairman of the board of Sunkist Growers, Inc. after his re-election at organizational meeting of the Sunkist board of directors following the 82nd annual meeting of the citrus marketing organization January 27 at the Beverly Wilshire hotel. The three incumbent vice-chairmen were also re-elected: Arthur W. Bodine, Phoenix; Jack M. Dungan, Exeter; and Robert A. Hardison, Santa Paula.

Twenty-six directors were elected to the Sunkist board at the annual meeting attended by some 800 citrus growers from California and Arizona, including: W.C. Orr, Lindsay, who replaced Ralph R. Tyrrell as representative of Tulare Kern Citrus Exchange; Robert W. Bennett, Porterville; Luis Caratan, Delano; Harvey S. Chase, Orange Cove; David I. Kline, Visalia; and Jess E. Swift, Visalia.

The board also took action at the annual meeting to amend a by-law which sets the authorized number of Sunkist directors that will serve during a given year. Under the amended by-law, no fewer than 25 and no more than 28 directors can be elected.

Directors of Sunkist Growers, Inc. are nominated by the district exchanges located in California and Arizona citrus producing areas and affiliated with Sunkist Growers, Inc.

The cooperatively organized district exchanges serve as regional selling and administrative units for Sunkist Growers, Inc., headquartered in Sherman Oaks. In fiscal 1974-75, Sunkist's sales were \$483 million.

PORTERVILLE BOY ENLISTS

VISALIA — Bruce Dean Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald D. Gordon, of Porterville, has enlisted in the U.S. Air Force under a guaranteed job program as a dental lab. specialist. Under a delayed enlistment program, he will report July 27 after graduating in June from Monache high school.

THE FARMERS CORNER

By Leland H. Ruth
Ex. Vice Pres.
Agricultural Council Of California

REGULATORY OVERKILL

"In the agricultural sector there is mounting evidence and agreement that government regulating activities are, in many cases, in conflict with the interests of both the consumer and the farmer." This is the observation of James B. Kendrick, Jr., Vice President of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Agriculture Experiment Station for the University of California. His opinion appeared in a recent issue of California Agriculture.

Kendrick contends that today's farmers are faced with a real dilemma. "Complying with existing and proposed regulations requires significant new capital investments which may prove to be inadequate before the dust settles around all the regulations," he says. "It seems obvious that food costs must eventually increase to compensate for the rising cost of developing a perfective society."

WHO WILL PAY?

The point is that someone must pay for the increasingly large burden of government regulations the farmer now shoulders. That someone is without question the American taxpayer and food consumer. Each time a new law is passed to further regulate farmers, the public pays for such legislation in the form of higher taxes and higher food bills. It simply adds to the cost and to the difficulties of producing food and fiber. Kendrick feels that the problem is one of reconciling conflicting needs and objectives. "When a change begins to affect adversely the interests and objectives of other sectors of society, it is time to look at the benefits and price tags."

As an example, Kendrick cites the Environmental Protection Agency as the type of governmental objective that few take issue with. "But, when seemingly inflexible application of EPA regulations are combined with often conflicting and overlapping demands by numerous additional agencies in matters of public health, water

quality, air pollution, pesticides, taxes, zoning and labor standards, the farmer finds himself in an impossible situation."

COMMON SENSE

"I am not suggesting that it is a time for 'benign neglect' and abandonment of standards and regulations," observes Kendrick. "I am suggesting that in our haste to legislate we have achieved regulatory overkill and that it is time for a hard look at the economic and social consequences."

Many California growers agree with Jim Kendrick that it is time for a little common sense when it comes to government regulation.

AG. LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATES ELECT HESTER PRESIDENT

SACRAMENTO — Adin A. Hester, executive vice president of San Joaquin Briners, Inc., Stockton, has been elected president of the Agricultural Leadership associates, one of California's newest agricultural organizations, composed exclusively of youthful farmers and agribusinessmen trained for future leadership roles in the state's Number One industry.

At their 1st Annual meeting ALA members chose Hester, 36, to succeed Jerry Diefenderfer of Sacramento as president. Other officers include: Orchardist Dean Buchinger, Irvine, vice president; Cotton Marketer Gene Lundquist, Bakersfield, secretary; and Fruit Grower H.A. "Gus" Collin, Orange Cove, treasurer.

The new board has scheduled its first business session for February 14 in Sacramento.

Fines and arrests for California fish and game law violations declined four per cent in 1975; fines totalled \$627,139; arrests totalled 18,897.

ENTRANCE TEST FEBRUARY 21 FOR VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM

PORTERVILLE — Entrance examination for Porterville College's Vocational Nursing program will be given Saturday, February 21 at 8 a.m. in the Forum, Mrs. Peggy Gould, PC health occupations chairman, has announced.

Students interested in taking the test should contact the Guidance Center and make a reservation. Cost for the test is \$6.50.

Students wishing to apply for PC's January 1977 vocational nursing class must take this test, Mrs. Gould noted. She also said the deadline to file for that class is September 17, 1976.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Mrs. Gould.

FARM POPULATION DECLINE SLOWER DURING 1974 YEAR

WASHINGTON — The U.S. farm population declined 1.2 percent a year from 1970 to 1974 and stood at about 9.3 million people in 1974, according to the most recent U.S. department of agriculture report.

This decline, notes the Economic Research service, is in contrast with the 4.8 percent annual decreases of the 1960's. Losses of farm population continue in the South, North Central, and Northeast regions of the country while the West shows an increase.

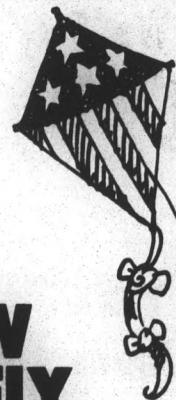
During 1970-74, the net loss to the farm population through people migrating from farms, or from reclassification of their residence from farm to nonfarm, averaged 143,000 annually.

Both the volume and rate of net outmovement were lower than for any other four-year period in the past 40 years.

Copies of "Farm Population Estimates for 1974," AER-319, are available by phoning (202) 447-7255 or by writing ERS Publications, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

LEATHER CRAFT CLASS SET FOR ADULT SCHOOL

PORTERVILLE — The Adult school will conduct a five week Leather Craft class during the spring semester, beginning February 19, meeting on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in room U-5 on the Porterville High School campus, instructor will be Evan Weir. Laboratory fee of \$2.00 will be charged to cover miscellaneous expenses, including dyes and the use of tools. Leather will be available for purchase at the class. For further information call Porterville Adult school at 784-7000, extension 14; after 6:30 pm call 784-5149.



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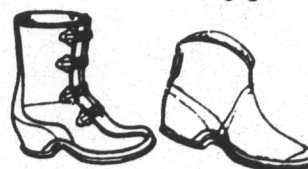
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ANNUAL HAM dinner - the twenty-second, sponsored Sunday by the Springville Lions club - drew a record 772 people which means that about \$1,000 will go to the Valley Burn

Center in Fresno. In above photos, general views of the crowd are shown, also, upper left, Clyde Simpson, official host, and Ken Fox, assistance dinner chairman, count the money; and, lower right, Bruce

Borror, chairman, and Dick Vernon, head chef, keep things moving. The dinner this year honored the memory of the late Bill Radeleff, a longtime Springville resident who died in 1972. (Farm Tribune photos)



OUR TOWN

Such a lovely rain for thirsty California, and now that the smog has been washed away, we can see the most beautiful mountains in the whole world. One day I was sitting at my desk during recess and a very excited second grader rushed into the room and screamed at me to come quickly out on the playground. I jumped up and rushed out, thinking all kinds of awful things. I was half way across the play ground when my little student grabbed my hand and said, "Look Mrs. Loyd, aren't the mountains beautiful." The mountains were just breathtaking. The green hills in front of the blue mountains with snow against the lighter blue of the sky. No wonder my artistic little Indian student could appreciate all that beauty. We really live in a beautiful part of OUR WORLD (when the smog has drifted away).

worst president the Porterville Woman's Golf association ever had. I told them I was no organizer and I certainly proved it. I had fun with Campfire Groups and Boy Scouts, but I don't think the youngsters learned very much. I was in the Barn for years, but never seemed to learn the lines the author provided. PETER TEWKESBURY would sigh huge sighs when I would make up my own dialogue and throw the rest of the cast into a tizzy. Come to think of it, I'm glad they picked PAT McLAUGHLIN instead of me. She's so much smarter and photographs so much better. I'll try again next year. If at first you don't succeed.

Happiness is the JOHNSON FAMILY of Three Rivers.

EDUCATIONAL TV FUND DRIVE IS NOW UNDERWAY

VISALIA - Tulare County board of supervisors has declared February as Educational Television month and in a resolution urged citizens of the area to support the current fund-raising campaign to get Channel 18 on the air by September.

A Federal grant of over \$50,000 has been made available to the citizens of the central San Joaquin valley to activate an educational or "public" television station, provided Kings, Madera, Tulare and Fresno counties raise \$250,000 in matching funds. Tulare county has a goal of \$67,500.

KMFT, Channel 18, named after the four participating counties, would provide educational, informational and cultural offerings to over 800,000 individuals in the four county area.

Ray Schlick, of Visalia, is Tulare County chairman of the fund-drive. Schlick says individuals who are not contacted may send their tax deductible contributions to: ETV, Channel 18, P.O. Box 462, Fresno, CA. 93709.

Asparagus harvest is getting underway in Imperial valley and Orange county.

I was kinda hoping that I would be chosen Woman of the Year, this year. I kept telling everyone how wonderful I was, but no one seemed to be impressed. I was on the Recreation Commission at one time, but J. DALE FROST and I never did get along. I was the

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SACRAMENTO - The Bicentennial year's unusual combination of Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays to make a five-day President's Holiday weekend, starting today, will be observed as a special maximum enforcement and accident prevention period by the California Highway patrol.

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COTTON SEED PRICE REDUCED; MILLION-ACRE PLANTING SEEN FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

BAKERSFIELD — A price of \$303 per ton, fuzzy basis, for cotton seed for 1976 planting has been set by the board of directors of the California Planting Cotton Seed

distributors (CPCSD). The non-profit grower organization is responsible for reproducing and distributing all planting seed in the San Joaquin valley one-variety district.

The price includes \$33.85 per ton allocated for cotton production research projects conducted by University of California and U.S. department of agriculture personnel. With estimated seed sales of 13,000 tons, the total figure for research grants would be \$440,000, about the same as last year.

The seed sales projections are based on an expected 20% increase in cotton acreage in the

valley this year, to a total of approximately one million acres.

Committee members report that improved prices for cotton have stimulated interest in growing more cotton. Cutbacks in contracted acreage for canning tomatoes and sugar beets will divert some land to cotton. Also, overwintering grain crops hit by drought conditions will be plowed up and planted to cotton in some cases.

On the other hand, some land originally intended for cotton may be planted to alfalfa hay instead because of the extreme shortages and high prices now existing in California and

neighboring states.

Tom Cherry, CPCSD manager, said he anticipates an increased demand this year for Acala SJ-4 seed. Used for the first time in 1975, this strain resulted in an average 25% yield increases in heavy wilt areas of the valley.

Enough SJ-4 seed will be available this season to plant about 450,000 acres, Cherry said. The remaining acreage will be planted to Acala SJ-2, the designated cotton variety for the portions of the valley without a significant wilt problem.

In its reproduction seed program, CPCSD will increase

SJ-2 and SJ-4 in equal amounts so that in 1977 two-thirds of the valley could be planted to either strain, depending upon grower performance based on this season's results.

A total of 35,100 acres will be used by CPCSD this season to increase the pure seed strains for 1977 planting. Contracts will be signed with the seed growers in the next few weeks.

Weather has been ideal for spring lambing and calving but very bad for cattlement because of high feed costs and lack of rangeland grass.

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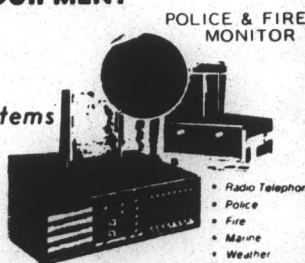
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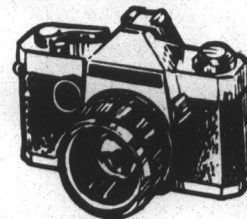
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"OUTSTANDING" FOR 1975 were the above individuals who were honored at annual Porterville chamber of commerce banquet Saturday night in the Monache Campus center, from top left: Organization of the year - REACT - with Bob Thompson, vice president and Ken Clayton, director, receiving their plaque

from Dale Anderson, director of the Monache band, last year's winner; Anne LaPresta, youth of the year, receives her award from Brent Scranton, last year's winner; Jeff Edwards, right, receives his man of the year plaque from Mac Williams, the 1974 winner; lower, from left - Pat McLaughlin, right, woman of the year, receives her plaque

from Inez Simmer, last year's winner; Aubrey M. Lumley, right, receives a special award for outstanding community service over a long period of years from Chamber President Dr. Al Berra; and, speaker at the banquet, Ed. Davis, Los Angeles chief of police; and Ben DeBurle, master of ceremonies.

(Farm Tribune photos)

BROKEN FENCES CONCERN OF HIGHWAY PATROL

PORTERVILLE — One of the unsung duties of Highway Patrol officers is looking for broken fences where cattle and other livestock can wander out on a highway.

Lieutenant Jack Thompson of the Porterville Area office of the California Highway Patrol said, "We are interested in preventing accidents, but we also hope to assist farmers and ranchers by advising them of

fences in need of repair."

Inadequate maintenance of fences is the major reason animals are able to wander out of a field and cause a traffic accident on a highway. If a farmer or rancher fails to mend his fences after being warned, he could face criminal charges, Lieutenant Thompson said. But "We really don't want to file complaints against anyone. All we want is cooperation."

Lieutenant Thompson said most of the farmers in the Porterville area have been extremely cooperative because they realize that fences in good repair represent relatively cheap insurance on their investment in the animals as well as protection against damage suits.

He also requested public cooperation in promptly reporting the location of any stray animal on the road. "The CHP will respond as quickly as possible," he said.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at 141 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

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ASSESSMENT NOTICE HUBBS & MINER DITCH COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hubbs & Miner Ditch Company was held February 5, 1976. Assessment number 79 was levied in the amount of \$2.00 per share upon the capital stock (of essence) of the Hubbs & Miner ditch company, a Corporation. Assessment number 79 payable to the Secretary of said Ditch Company.

Any stock upon which Assessment number 79 remains unpaid on March 5, 1976 will be delinquent and unless payment is made prior to delinquency, the said shares of stock, or as many of them as may be necessary will be sold at the Office of the Secretary of the Hubbs & Miner Ditch Company, on April 2, 1976 to pay the delinquent assessment together with a delinquency penalty of five percent (5%) of the assessment.

The Office of the Hubbs & Miner Ditch Company principal place of business being the Office of the Porterville Irrigation District, located on Henderson Road approximately four miles West of the City of Porterville.

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REGISTRATION OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES CHANGED

SACRAMENTO — Most off-highway vehicles previously exempt from registration requirements now must display the special identification sticker required for this type vehicle.

Previously, snowmobiles, dirt motorcycles and other off-highway vehicles operated only on private property did not need the identification device.

Only a few types of off-highway vehicles are now exempt from the special registration provisions, including farm implements, special construction equipment, governmental vehicles, and four-wheeled race cars operated exclusively in sanctioned races on closed courses.

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Luis Shan King, Plaintiff
vs.
Pine Mountain Development Corp.,
Pierce Johnson, Nancy C. Johnson,
and Pierce Johnson and Nancy C.
Johnson, dba California Hot Springs
Co., a California limited co-partnership, Defendants

Under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the Superior Court of the County of Tulare, State of California, wherein Luis Shan King, Plaintiff and Pine Mountain Development Corp., Pierce Johnson, Nancy C. Johnson, and Pierce Johnson and Nancy C. Johnson, dba California Hot Springs Co., a California limited co-partnership, Defendants upon a judgment rendered the 27th day of September A.D. 1971, for the sum of Twenty four thousand, seven hundred sixty-nine and 100/100 Dollars lawful money of the United States, besides costs and interest, I did on the 16th day of December 1975, levy upon all the right, title, claim and interest of said Defendants, Pine Mountain Development Corp., Pierce Johnson, Nancy C. Johnson, and Pierce Johnson and Nancy C. Johnson, dba California Hot Springs Co., a California limited co-partnership of, in and to the following Real Estate situated in the County of Tulare, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 58 to 70 inclusive of Myers Land Company's Pine Flat, in the County of Tulare, State of California, according to the official plat thereof, as per Map recorded in Book 17 Page 14 of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Excepting therefrom that portion of said Lot 70 conveyed to Clyde W. Manley and Ruth Manley, husband and wife, as joint tenants, by deed recorded August 28, 1951 in Book 1539 Page 202 Official Records.

Also excepting therefrom that portion conveyed to Scotty B. McCann, et ux, in deed recorded January 2, 1968 in Book 2750 Page 487 of Official Records.

That portion of the South half of Land Company's Pine Flat, in the County of Tulare, State of California, as per Map recorded in Book 17 Page 14 of Maps in the Office of the County Recorder of said County, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot 7 of said Subdivision thence North 0° 0' 30" East along the East line of said Lot Y to the Southwest corner of Lot 58 of said Subdivision; thence West along the Westerly extension of the South line of said Lot 58, to the Easterly line of the land conveyed to the County of Tulare by deed recorded in Book 1651 Page 461 Official Records; thence Southerly along said Easterly line to the Easterly line of Lot A of said subdivision; thence Southerly along said Easterly line to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Lot A to the Easterly line of the County Road; thence Southerly along said Easterly line to the Southerly line of Lot Y being a common line with Lots 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 of said subdivision; thence Easterly to the Northeast corner of said Lot 34; thence South to the Southeast corner of Lot 35; thence Easterly to the point of beginning.

Excepting that portion conveyed to Clyde Manley by deed recorded in Book 1539 Page 202 of Official Records.

Also excepting therefrom that portion conveyed to Scotty B. McCann, et ux, in deed recorded January 2, 1968 in Book 2750, Page 487 of Official Records.

That portion of the South half of the Northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 31 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, in the County of Tulare, State of California, according to the official plat thereof, described as follows:

Beginning at the center of said Northeast quarter; thence North 86° 59' 35" East 200 feet along the North line of the South half of said Northeast quarter; thence South 0° 05' 27" East to the north line of Rocking K Drive as shown on the map of Tract No. 454, as per map recorded in Book 24, Page 89 of Official Records, in the office of the Tulare County Recorder; thence along said North line North 74° 58' 27" West 60 feet, more or less, to an angle point thereon; thence South 78° 44' 31" West, 137.77 feet; thence Westerly along a curve concave to the Northeast having a radius of 20 feet, a radial line of said curve at said point bears South 11° 15' 29" East; thence Westerly along said curve a distance of 23.97 feet; thence North 32° 35' 46" West 1.00 feet; thence South 57° 24' 14" West 40 feet; thence South 32° 35' 46" East 26.75 feet to a point on the East line of the land described in the Deed to Hayward Lumber and Investment Company recorded January 20, 1972 in Book 3008, Page 949 of Official Records; thence South 61° 53' 00" West 10.03 feet; thence North 32° 35' 46" West 162.11 feet; thence North 50° 54' 04" West 85 feet, more or less, to a point on the North line of the South half of said Northeast quarter; thence East along said North line to the point of beginning.

Public Notice is Hereby Given, that I will on Wednesday the 18th day of February A.D. 1976, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in front of the Tulare County Sheriff's Office in the City of Visalia, in said County of Tulare, sell at public auction, for lawful money of the United States, all the right, title, claim and interest of said Defendants, Pine Mountain Development Corp., Pierce Johnson, Nancy C. Johnson, and Pierce Johnson and Nancy C. Johnson, dba California Hot Springs Co., a limited co-partnership of, in and to the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient money to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, to the highest and best bidder.

Dated this 22nd day of January 1976.

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THREE RIVERS — Travel to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National parks reached a new high in 1975 with 1,992,680 visits recorded, a 27% increase over 1974, and 54,380 more visits than in 1968, the previous record travel year.

Backcountry count for Sequoia National park was 110,420, an increase of 6,567 over 1974, while Kings Canyon backcountry overnight stays totaled 93,142, a decrease of 22,802.

"With the Wilderness Permit system in effect in both parks," Superintendent Stanley T. Albright said, "more accurate count of the use of the backcountry is possible."

This permit system was begun in 1972 with limitation on the use of the Rae Lakes Trail Loop. In 1973, all of the backcountry of Kings Canyon National park was put under use control.

The program was expanded in 1975 to include Sequoia National park so that both parks could be managed as one system of controlled use. Park Rangers report visible improvements have been noted in areas where overuse had caused serious deterioration.

In the frontcountry, or the developed areas of the parks, tent campers and recreation vehicle users were represented almost equally in the 14 established campgrounds. Total overnight stays was 143,262, an increase of 11% over 1974. The concession-operated facilities had a total of 104,221 overnight visits in 1975, a 6% decrease in use compared with 1974.

California cotton acreage is expected to increase by 22 per cent in 1976 - or 200,000 acres more than in 1975.

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PRAIRIE CENTER 4-H MEMBERS GIVE REPORTS

PRAIRIE CENTER — The Prairie Center 4-H club held its monthly meeting February 2, at Sunnyside school with President Becky Fuller presiding.

Singing was led by Robin Morin, Traci Cummings, and Anne DePaoli; flag salutes were led by Peaches Rowell; roll call was given by Jodi Sammann; there were 65 members present, 13 leaders, 5 parents, and 4 visitors.

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Trendle and their children Billy and Brenda, who are prospective members.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Jodi Sammann; treasurer's report was given by Mike Veeman; reporters report given by Pam Oxford and Maxine Stephens; correspondence was read by Keith Noel.

Committee reports were given by the following members: Anne DePaoli on Chair committee; Doug Hughes on dedication of the Strathmore library; Karen Noel on Porker field day in Fresno; David Imbach on Work day at the Library; county news by Mrs. Betty Noel asking older members to help out at demonstration day.

Project reports were given by the following members: Mary Lowe, Carrie Luellin, Bobby Merrill, Robin Morin, Teddy Nelson, Tracy Nelson, Debby Noel, Karen Noel, Keith Noel.

Important dates to remember are: March 20, Dress Revue at Strathmore High school; February 28, Tulare County Demonstration day; March 16, Hi 4-H; February 29, Heart Fund Sunday.

The program was presented by County 4-H All Stars David Imbach, and Sheryl Spuhler, on activities at Santa Barbara Leadership conference and on upcoming activities.

Refreshments were served after the meeting; next meeting will be held March 1.

MINOR IMPACT FROM NEW TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITS

SACRAMENTO — Changes in California truck weight limits which became effective January 1 have a "minor impact on maximum gross weights because the increase from the former limit is only 3200 pounds," Highway Patrol Commissioner Glen Craig said.

"CHP commercial officers have heard complaints that the new maximum gross of 80,000 will affect truck operational safety and increase highway damage," Craig said. "The 1½-ton difference in maximum allowable gross isn't enough that it should have any noticeable effect on truck stopping distances or highway wear."

The commissioner said that some trucks actually are carrying lighter loads because reduced steering-axle limits combined with changes in axle-group weight limits have resulted in lowering the overall weight which certain types of trucks may carry.

The Farm Tribune BILLBOARD

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- 10-11-12 - California Farm Equipment Show, Tulare
- 11 - Community Concert
- 14 - Fresno Symphony Concert
- 14 - County Cattleman Meeting, Gang Sue's
- 20 - Citrus Men's Club, Exeter
- 22-28 - National FFA Week
- 28 - City Of Hope Spectacular
- 28 - County 4-H Demonstration Day, Monache Hi
- 29 - Heart Sunday

MARCH

- 13 - Concert, Mineral King Barber Shop Chorus
- 20-21 - Canterbelle Horse Show
- 26 - "I Hear America Singing"

APRIL

- 9 - Pioneer Band & Choral Concert
- 9-12 - Junior Grand National, S.F. Cow Palace
- 17 - Jackass Mail Run
- 23 - Monache Band Concert
- 24-25 - Springville-Sierra Rodeo Festival, Lindsay
- MAY
- 7 - Panther Band Concert
- 13 - Porterville Hi Vocal Concert
- 20-21-22 - Porterville Bicentennial Fair
- 27 - Monache Hi Vocal Concert
- 29 - Studio Band Jazz Concert

CCVTC TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19

BAKERSFIELD — Elections will not be required to fill two positions on the board of the Continuous Cotton Variety Testing committee since the incumbent grower representatives from Kern and Madera counties have been nominated for new three-year terms without opposition.

Phil Cerro of Bakersfield and Aubrey Baker of Madera will be seated for new terms at the annual reorganizational meeting of CCVTC on Feb. 19.

CCVTC is a committee of growers from cotton growing counties in the San Joaquin valley responsible for screening and testing upland cotton varieties with favorable potential for the valley. It operates in cooperation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California, as well as other segments of the cotton industry.

Other growers serving on the committee are Dick Markarian, Fresno county, chairman; Stanley Hawk, Kings county, vice chairman; William Silveira, Tulare county, and Gino Pedretti, Merced county.

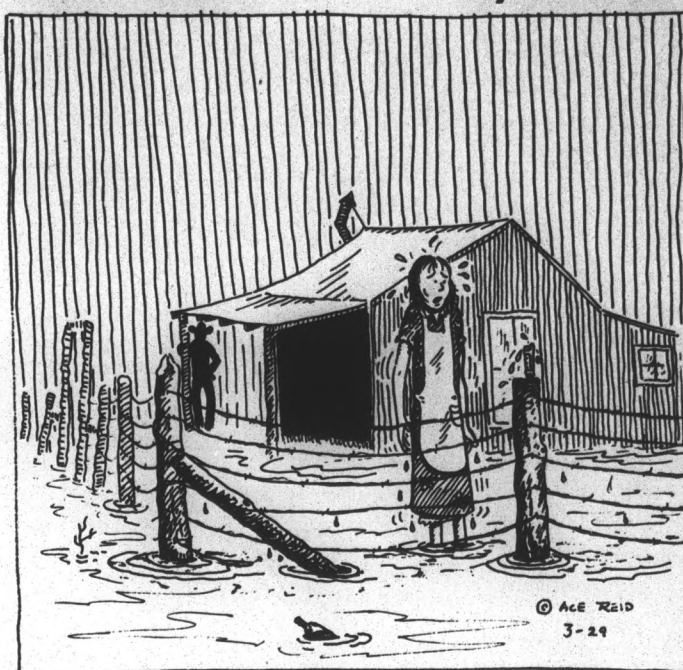
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Gail Bendoski ...

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was based on youth fitness: creative and performing arts (she presented a novelty number, "Dancing Machine"); poise and appearance (she won in this category); scholastic achievement; and personal interview.

As California Junior Miss, she will receive a \$200 wardrobe, a 10-speed bike, an evening gown, an engraved Instamatic camera, and an option on two scholarship programs - Columbia College in Columbia, Mo., valued at \$8,600 in tuition plus \$1,400 cash, or at Huntington College, Birmingham, Alabama, valued at \$6,000 in tuition plus \$1,900 cash.

Miss Bendoski's college preference at present, however, is Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah.

4-H Staff Member

(Continued From Page 1)

"The 4-H program is not new to Georgene," said Curtis Lynn, county extension director. She was a 9-year member and achieved the All-Star rank in Orange county in 1971-72, and also served an internship period in Cooperative Extension last summer in Miami county, Indiana."

Miss Werstler will be introduced to the Tulare County 4-H Leaders' Council February 17 in the Visalia Ag Building auditorium and to the Hi 4-H'ers who will be meeting the same night at the Roller Towne skating rink.

Planting of canning tomatoes is underway in Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

Agricultural Leaders ...

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or by mail to Agricultural Symposium, P.O. Box 162, Visalia, CA 93277.

Other participants include: Ron Robie, director, California Department of Water Resources; Roy Utke, president, Sunkist Growers; Jeane Thom, consumer representative to the Cling Peach Advisory board; Ren Harris, California Growers Foundation; Bishop Roger Mahony, chairman, Agricultural Labor Relations board; and Don Spengler, executive director, Northern California Grocers' association.

The Symposium is being sponsored by agriculturally oriented businesses in support of the Mt. Whitney Area Boy Scout council and the Tulare County 4-H program. Curtis Lynn, director of the University of California's Cooperative Extension in Tulare county is working, with a committee of agricultural leaders in arranging the program.

Lynn said the Symposium is designed to offer the agricultural community an opportunity to hear and discuss current issues and concerns. Theme of this year's program is the "Agriculture-Public Confusion."

Issues to be discussed include Agricultural Land Use, Future Water Supplies, Government Programs and Policies, Marketing Orders, Cooperatives, Consumerism, and Farm Labor.

WEAVER HEADS 1976 HEART FUND DRIVE THAT IS NOW UNDERWAY IN COMMUNITY

PORTERVILLE — Allen H. Weaver, executive vice president of Presidio Savings and Loan association, has been named chairman of the 1976 Heart Fund drive in Porterville; Mrs. Raymond Perkinson, South Tulare County chairman for the Central Valley Heart association, announced the appointment.

As head of the campaign, which takes place during the month of February, Weaver is coordinating the efforts of community volunteers who will be visiting all businesses and residential areas during the month to distribute heart-saving information and collect funds to support research, educational and community service programs of the local four county Heart

association.

In accepting the appointment, Weaver said heart disease is the number one killer in the nation. "This fact underscores the need for public support of the Porterville Heart Fund Drive," and he urged local residents to give generously when the Heart volunteer calls.

Market Outlook ...

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Sunkist in the Los Angeles district sales office in 1935, was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1916, he completed his education at Southwestern University in Los Angeles.

Current officers of the Citrus Men's club are Harry Baker, Ivanhoe, president; John Kirkpatrick, Exeter, vice president, and James J. Hurley, Lindsay, secretary-treasurer.

Concert ...

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Featured in the upcoming concert will be Violinist Werner Lywen, concertmaster for the Philharmonic and a professor of violin at California State University, Fresno.

A native of Berlin, Lywen has presented frequent concerts at the White House and has performed at the inaugural ceremonies for former Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Nixon.

In his career, he has also been a professor of violin and chamber music at the American University in Washington, D.C. and was assistant concertmaster for the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.

Tickets for the performance are \$1 per person and are on sale at Meade's Music store in the Village, Wayne's Music store, and Porterville Office Supplies in downtown Porterville; also at Gottschalk's and Pryer's Music store in Visalia; or they may be purchased in the office of Community Services at Porterville College.

Music students in the area will be guests of the college at the concert.

DEMONSTRATIONS, REPORTS GIVEN

AT GOLDEN HILLS


SPRINGVILLE — Demonstrations and project reports were featured on January meeting program of the Golden Hills 4-H club held in the Springville Veterans building.

Demonstrations were given by Ronnie Fleeman, Betsy Atkins and Tracy Rutherford, Jeanne Jacobs and Florie Luther; project reports were given by Cheryl Cross, Dean Morris, and Nicki Murray.

In other business of the meeting Tracy Rutherford gave a report on Christmas party decorations, and Jimmy Bodley reported on entertainment for the party; Caroline Valenzuela reported on a Community Pride meeting; Brenda Tompkins reported on the California Farm Equipment show at Tulare; Barbara Bodley reported on Favorite Foods day; Brenda Tompkins and Debbie Morris reported on a Farm Bureau potluck meeting to be held in February.

The meeting opened with a flag salute and the singing of "America The Beautiful"; refreshments were served following adjournment.

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